



Tensho, David Schneider - author of *Street Zen* and the recent released *Crowded by Beauty*, both about the lives of two of Hartford Street Zen Center's abbots; will visit us on **Saturday, November 7th starting at 10:15am** to talk about his newest book *Crowded by Beauty*, a

biography of Beat poet and zen master Zenshin Philip Whalen. Philip was an American poet, Zen Buddhist, and key figure in the literary and artistic scene that unfolded in San Francisco in the 1950s and '60s. When the Beat writers came West, Whalen became a revered, much-loved member of the group.

Erudite, shy, and profoundly spiritual, his presence not only moved his immediate circle of Beat cohorts, but his powerful, startling, innovative work would come to impact American poetry to the present day.

Drawing on Whalen's journals and personal correspondence—particularly with Ginsberg, Kerouac, Snyder, Kyger, Welch, and McClure —David Schneider shows how deeply bonded these intimates were, supporting one another in their art and their spiritual paths.

David wrote *Street Zen*, a biography of Issan Dorsey, published by Shambhala Publications (1993) and by Marlowe & Co. (2000). *Street Zen* won several prizes, including “Best Buddhist Book of the Year” in 1993. In 1994, he co-edited, with Kazuaki Tanahashi, a collection of zen stories titled *Essential Zen*. [click here to read more](#)

Please join us for this wonderful event!

